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### RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 22, 2007, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The fee for one additional independent claim is enclosed. No additional fees or extensions or time are believed due for consideration of the same. However, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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